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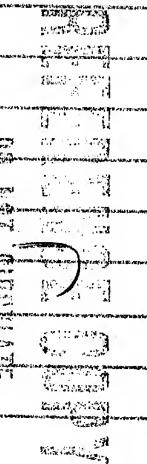
TOPIC Soviet Troops Detrained in Boetzow

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1. At noon on 17 August 1951, an empty train of about 20 flatcars and 15 boxcars was observed at Boetzow (N 53°Z 66°) railroad station. A flatcar which was being shunted, carried 1 truck and 1 AA gun. A convoy standing in front of the railroad station, with the vehicles headed toward Schoenwalde airfield, consisted of six trucks. A canvas-covered AA gun was coupled to each truck. About 30 to 40 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were seen resting in a nearby meadow.

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2. At noon on 17 August, a Soviet troop unit with trucks and apparently light AA guns was detraining at Boetzow railroad station. A train of 26 flatcars and 10 boxcars was in the station. Vehicles, which had been unloaded, assembled into convoy formation on the road past the loading ramp and faced toward Schoenwalde. The convoy included truck [redacted] occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Trucks [redacted] were seen leaving the station area. Source believed the troop train had been occupied by about 400 troops, 26 trucks, about 10 AA guns on 4-wheel mounts, and about 16 trailers. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia and some with signal insignia.

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3. Sedan [redacted] occupied by two officers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, was seen leaving Schoenwalde airfield toward Oranienburg. *

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* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] observed the same train which, [redacted] carried a unit of the 31st AAA Div and is believed to have come from Altengrabow or Wustrow.

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